



## **Transmission Business Line (TBL)**

### **Working Document - Draft**

### **Decision Criteria For ATC Methodology**

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#### **ATC Methodology Decision Criteria**

Goal: Maximize use of TBL transmission assets while meeting current and forecast long-term obligations without significant cost or increasing curtailments compared to historical levels.

1. Consistency with the OATT, provide fair and equitable treatment of all transmission users and minimize disputes.
2. Assure BPA biological opinion obligations are met.
3. Combined planning/contract accounting method provides reasonable results when compared to actual flows.
4. Provide timely responses to long-term transmission service requests.
5. Encourage new generation projects to locate where transmission capacity is available.
6. Maximize assets through long-term sales and potential new product offering consistent with reliability requirements.
7. Preserve existing obligations over constrained paths with minimal degradation of service.
8. Basis for cataloguing existing transmission obligations and congestion management assets.